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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : New Training Film: "Foot Surveillance"

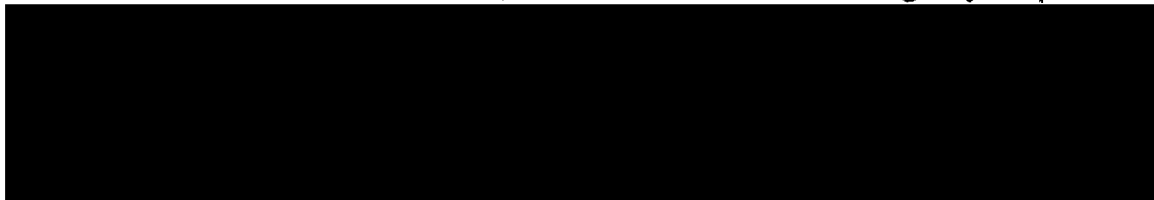
1. A new film on foot surveillance for use in training staff and agent/liaison personnel has been needed for some time. The only available training films on this subject are two CIC films. One was produced about 24 years ago and badly needs updating. The other, produced in 1965, suffers from poor acting and generally poor presentation of surveillance technique. The basic subject matter is covered in varying degrees, but it was increasingly apparent that we needed a film which presented surveillance in a current setting and did so in a manner which emphasized the teaching points we consider important. (Several commercial films and those produced by other agencies have a smattering of surveillance coverage. Those that are useful supplements to instruction on surveillance are used quite regularly. However, commercial entertainment films, in particular, often handle such subject matter in an incidental and inaccurate way.) We also consider it important that a new film on surveillance, like that covering any other element of basic tradecraft, not have security restrictions that would deny or limit its use in training selected agent and liaison personnel, in addition to staff training.

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2. Specific moves to produce this film began in April 1970. A contract writer, [REDACTED], was engaged to handle the script. [REDACTED], a CS officer on a tour of duty as an instructor in Agent and Liaison Training, served as the advisor on the subject matter and assisted in the production. Members of the Film Section of the Instructional Support Staff in OTR bore the main responsibility for production. They handled the shooting and all related requirements. Since one of the key objectives in producing this film was to insure that it would also be usable for approved agent and liaison training considerable time was spent in identifying and clearing staff personnel whose identification in the film would not represent a security hazard to them or the Agency. (Members

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3. Throughout April 1970 the script was put into near final form; copies were forwarded to concerned persons in OTR and the CI Staff for comments and suggestions. The shooting of the film took place in May-June 1970----one week in the [REDACTED] shooting inside scenes and two weeks in Washington, D.C. shooting street scenes. Preliminary film editing was then done by Instructional Support personnel. Officers in the film section of the Printing Services Division did the final editing. The film was ready on 15 October 1970.

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4. The film "Foot Surveillance" is about 45 minutes long, in black and white, and classified "Confidential". It meets our requirements for a film which offers specific and basic tradecraft coverage and wide training use-----for staff, agent and liaison training. The film will be used in staff training in the Washington area [REDACTED] and in other locations where required. It will be used in agent and liaison Training (including U.S. contract personnel), both in the U.S. and abroad.

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